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To: Subst. Senate Bill No. 229

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### ***"AN ACT CONCERNING SUDDEN CARDIAC ARREST PREVENTION."***

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the  
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2014*) (a) For purposes of this  
4 section and sections 2 to 4, inclusive, of this act, "intramural or  
5 interscholastic athletics" shall include any activity sponsored by a  
6 school or local education agency, as defined in section 10-15f of the  
7 general statutes, or an organization sanctioned by the local education  
8 agency that involves any athletic contest, practice, scrimmage,  
9 competition, demonstration, display or club activity.

10 (b) For the school year commencing July 1, 2015, and each school  
11 year thereafter, the State Board of Education, in consultation with (1)  
12 the Commissioner of Public Health, (2) the governing authority for

13 intramural and interscholastic athletics, (3) an appropriate  
14 organization representing licensed athletic trainers, and (4) an  
15 organization representing national, state or local medical associations,  
16 shall develop or approve a sudden cardiac arrest awareness education  
17 program for use by local and regional boards of education. Such  
18 program shall be published on the State Board of Education's Internet  
19 web site and shall include: (A) The warning signs and symptoms  
20 associated with a sudden cardiac arrest, including, but not limited to,  
21 fainting, difficulty breathing, chest pain, dizziness and abnormal  
22 racing heart rate, (B) the risks associated with continuing to engage in  
23 intramural or interscholastic athletics after exhibiting such warning  
24 signs and symptoms, (C) the means of obtaining proper medical  
25 treatment for a person suspected of experiencing a sudden cardiac  
26 arrest, and (D) the proper method of allowing a student who has  
27 experienced a sudden cardiac arrest to return to intramural or  
28 interscholastic athletics. When developing or approving such program,  
29 the State Board of Education may utilize existing materials developed  
30 by organizations such as Simon's Fund.

31 (c) (1) On or before July 1, 2015, the State Board of Education, in  
32 consultation with the organizations described in subdivisions (1) to (4),  
33 inclusive, of subsection (b) of this section, shall develop and approve  
34 an informed consent form to distribute to the parents and legal  
35 guardians of students involved in intramural or interscholastic  
36 athletics regarding sudden cardiac arrest. Such informed consent form  
37 shall include, at a minimum, (A) a summary of the sudden cardiac  
38 arrest awareness education program described in subsection (b) of this  
39 section, and (B) a summary of the applicable local or regional board of  
40 education's policies regarding sudden cardiac arrests.

41 (2) For the school year commencing July 1, 2015, and each school  
42 year thereafter, any person who holds or is issued a coaching permit  
43 by the State Board of Education and is a coach of intramural or  
44 interscholastic athletics shall, prior to commencing the coaching  
45 assignment for the season of such school athletics, provide each

46 participating student's parent or legal guardian with a copy of the  
47 informed consent form described in subdivision (1) of this subsection  
48 and obtain such parent's or legal guardian's signature, attesting to the  
49 fact that such parent or legal guardian has received a copy of such  
50 form and authorizes the student to participate in the intramural or  
51 interscholastic athletics.

52 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2014*) For the school year  
53 commencing July 1, 2015, and each school year thereafter, any person  
54 who holds or is issued a coaching permit by the State Board of  
55 Education and is a coach of intramural or interscholastic athletics shall  
56 annually review the program developed or approved pursuant to  
57 subsection (b) of section 1 of this act, prior to commencing the  
58 coaching assignment for the season of such intramural or  
59 interscholastic athletics.

60 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2014*) For the school year  
61 commencing July 1, 2015, and each school year thereafter, the State  
62 Board of Education may revoke the coaching permit, in accordance  
63 with the provisions of subsection (i) of section 10-145b of the general  
64 statutes, of any coach found to be in violation of any of the provisions  
65 of section 2 of this act.

66 Sec. 4. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2014*) (a) For the school year  
67 commencing July 1, 2015, and each school year thereafter, any person  
68 who holds or is issued a coaching permit by the State Board of  
69 Education and is a coach of intramural or interscholastic athletics shall  
70 be immune from suit and liability, both personally and in his or her  
71 official capacity, for any actions or omissions pursuant to the  
72 provisions of sections 1 and 2 of this act, unless the actions or  
73 omissions of such person constitute wilful misconduct, gross  
74 negligence or recklessness.

75 (b) Nothing in sections 1 and 2 of this act shall be construed to  
76 relieve a coach of intramural or interscholastic athletics of his or her  
77 duties or obligations under any provision of the general statutes, the

78 regulations of Connecticut state agencies or a collective bargaining  
79 agreement."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2014</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2014</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2014</i>	New section
Sec. 4	<i>October 1, 2014</i>	New section